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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR §1.53(b) is the
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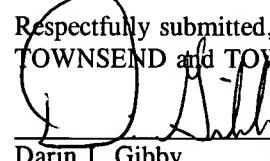
Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: Gordon Stout et al.

For: POWDER FILLING APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE

- [X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:
Provisional Serial No. 60 _____ / (not yet assigned), which was converted from 08/949,047/October 10, 1997, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference. A Petition to Convert the 08/949,047 application was filed on July 21, 1998.
- [X] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: --This application is a continuation-in part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/_____ (not yet assigned), which was converted from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/949,047 filed October 10, 1997, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference.--
- Enclosed are:
- [X] 15 sheet(s) of [] formal [X] informal drawing(s); 36 pages of specification including description, claims and abstract; [X] title page.
- [X] A [] signed [X] unsigned Declaration.

**Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f), Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission
of the Missing Parts of Application.**

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Respectfully submitted,
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